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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch Office of the Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

via federal express

RE: American Cable Association ("ACA"); Reply Comments in MB Docket No. 02-277; 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of ACA, we respectfully request that the Commission accept ACAs Reply Comments in MB Docket No. 02-277 as timely tiled and formally accepted. Under 47 CFR § 1.3 of the Commission's Rules. the Commission can admit a late-filed pleading if good cause is shown.

The deadline in this proceeding was Monday, February 3, 2002. We mailed ACAs pleading via US Post Office Express Mail on Saturday, February 1, with a guaranteed delivery date of February 3. Unfortunately, it was not delivered to the FCC until the morning of February 4, one day after the established deadline. We respectfully request that the Commission allow ACAs Reply Comments be accepted as timely filed and formally included in this proceeding. If necessary, **we** would be happy to provide you copies of the Express Mail receipts.

We enclose a copy of ACAs Reply Comments. We also enclose a "file" copy of this letter and ask that you date-stamp it and return it in the enclosed pre-addressed envelope.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions or if you need any additional information, please call me at 312-372-3930.

Sincerely,

Emily A. Denney

Enclosure

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